1 Peter 2:24 (HCS)

He Himself bore our sins in His body
on the tree, so that, having died to sins,
we might live for righteousness; you have
been healed by His wounds.

Romans 4:25 (NIV)
He was delivered over to death
for our sins
and was raised to life
for our justification.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (HCS)

For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

## In FACT Christ HAS Been RAISED

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

1 Corinthians 15:1 (NIV)
Now, brothers, I want to REMIND you
of the gospel I preached to you,
which you RECEIVED
and ON WHICH you have
taken your STAND.

as of FIRST importance:
that Christ DIED for our sins
according to the Scriptures,

that He was BURIED, that He was
RAISED on the third day
according to the Scriptures... (NIV)

#### **Heart of the Gospel**

- ➤ Christ Jesus **DIED** for our **SINS**
- ➤ He was **BURIED** and was **RAISED** to Life on the third day

whether I preach or they preach, for we ALL preach the same message you have already believed. (NLT)

#### The Resurrection was God's VALIDATION

that the Redemption PAID by Christ on the cross was accepted.

# Romans 4:25 (NIV) He was delivered over to DEATH for our sins and was RAISED to life for our JUSTIFICATION.

#### IF Jesus did NOT Rise Again then...

- >it would tear the HEART out of the gospel
- > apostles were IMPOSTERS
- ▶ there is NO Salvation and NO Forgiveness
- those already dead were LOST forever
- ► Greeks were RIGHT

1 Corinthians 15:42 (NLT)

It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.

Philippians 3:20-21 (JBP)

But we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the Savior who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will re-make these wretched bodies of ours to resemble His own glorious body, by that power of His which makes Him the master of everything that is.

we know that God has BROKEN into earth's history

Hebrews 10:12-14 (NIV) But when THIS priest had offered for all time **ONE sacrifice for sins**, **He sat down at the right hand of God...** 

- we know that **DEATH** has been Conquered
- 1 Thes. 4:14 (NIV) We believe that **Jesus DIED and ROSE again** and so we believe that God will bring WITH

  Jesus those who have fallen asleep

  IN HIM.

> it gives us the Power to be FAITHFUL

Heb. 12:2-3 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... <sup>3</sup> Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, SO THAT you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- it helps us find MEANING even in tragedy
- it assures us Christ IS Alive and RULING

it shows us the POWER that is available to us

Philip. 3:8, 10 (NLT) Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite VALUE of knowing Christ... <sup>10</sup> I want to KNOW Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead...

## Jesus Died for our Sins - He was Buried and Rose Again

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT)

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT)

<sup>53</sup> For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. 54 Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

"Death is swallowed up in victory. 55

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

Because He Lives - I can face tomorrow
Because He Lives - ALL Fear is gone
Because I know - He holds the future
And life is worth the Living Just because He lives